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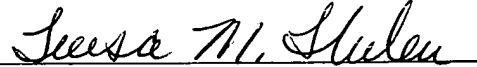
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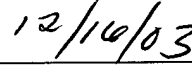
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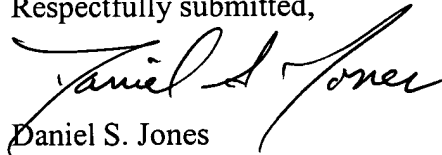
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Kubota Corporation

This reference appears to disclose an adjustable seat suspension assembly including an upper frame, a lower frame, a pair of springs providing suspension, and an adjustment assembly for adjusting the suspension of the seat suspension assembly. The adjustment assembly includes a rod extending from a rear of the suspension assembly and a handle rigidly connected to the rod. The handle is rotateable to rotate the rod and is not moveable relative to the rod.

Seats Incorporated

This reference discloses an adjustable seat suspension system including an upper frame, a lower frame, a suspension member suspending the upper frame above the lower frame, and an adjustment assembly for adjusting the suspension of the suspension member. The adjustment assembly includes a rod and a handle coupled to the rod. The handle is rotateable to rotate the rod and adjust the suspension of the suspension member. The handle is also freely slideable along the rod between a retracted position and an extended position. The suspension system is pivotal between a horizontal position (as shown in the drawings) and a non-horizontal position (not shown). The handle is slideable along the rod under its own weight when the suspension system is in the non-horizontal position.



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